

PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE**

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed on  
November 14, 2006, and includes the following sections:

- Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2; and
- Remarks, beginning on page 8.

Terminal Disclaimers are also enclosed with this response, together with Credit Card  
authorization for the Terminal Disclaimer fees.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required to Deposit  
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